

UNION TWSP COMMITTEE MEETING BUDGET WORKSHOP

Minutes:

Date-2/19/07

Location: Union twsp municipal bldg

Attendees:

Frank Mazza (Mayor)

Patricia Dzuibek (Dep. Mayor)

Rob Haynes (Committee)

Lisa Nargi (Committee)

Matt Severino (Committee)

Grace Brennan (CFO)

Mayor Mazza Called meeting to order at 7:06 pm. Sunshine announcement was read followed by flag salute and roll call.

Anticipated budget reviewed starting with anticipated revenues and remaining line items within “caps”. Some adjustments made to reduce budget by at least 15 k in order to fall below 3 ½% CAP. Some reductions include the following amounts reduced from line items: 2k from health services (hadn’t been expended in the past budget) line item# 237 ,1k from environmental commission line item #240, 5k from legal services line item #160, 7k from engineering line item #163, 5k reduction from health benefits by way of 5% employee contributions.

Discussion of Items out of cap included the increase of note payment costs from 30k to 573k from 06 to 07 due to Milligan farm purchase. The unbalanced situation of open space purchase’s to date and the lack of funding to support these purchases. We’ve received 944k for open space funding and owed amounts are 2.73 mil. Current open space tax rate of 2% not sufficient to support our current obligations. We have been spending general funds towards open space funds since 1999. Open space tax rate needs to increased by way of referendum and ordinance. Also need 1 cent on tax rate to pay for last years legal fees incurred. Discussion of total costs of Milligan purchase and long term options for pay structures.

Motion : by Lisa Nargi for Exec. Session for Personnel and Litigation @8:45pm 2nd by Patricia Dzuibek.

Motion : by Lisa Nargi to return to public session. @9:18pm 2nd by Matt Severino

Motion : by Matt Severino to adjourn @ 9:20 2nd by Lisa Nargi

Next budget Workshop : Monday March 5th @ 7:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Matt Severino